The Morse Code requirement is a necessity to getting qualified individuals who can perform the basic function of providing emergency communications with the very minimal of equipment.

The argument that the Morse code has historically been a deterrent to those seeking an amateur radio license, and therefore should be eliminated, is specious. Licensing is supposed to be a filter (or deterrent). The same argument could be used about the theoretical part of the exam. If you can't pass the test, you don't qualify.

I do not support this RM-10810 and request that the FCC dismiss it without further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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